

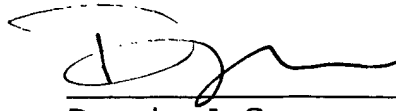
### **REMARKS**

The Applicant hereby elects Group III, claims 3-5, without traverse. Claims 1-2 have been cancelled. Applicant has added claims 6-11 for the Examiner's consideration.

Claims 6-11 have been added to more fully cover Applicant's inventive concepts. Applicant believes claims 6-11 to be in the same grouping of elected Group III, as defined by the Examiner, since claims 6-11 are directed to a soluble HLA ligand database. Basis for claim 6 can be specifically found on pages 10-11, and cancelled claim 2, as originally filed. Basis for claim 7 can be specifically found on page 11, and claim 3, as originally filed. Basis for claim 8 can be specifically found on page 10, and cancelled claim 2, as originally filed. Basis for claim 9 can be specifically found on page 10, and cancelled claims 1-2, as originally filed. Basis for claim 10 can be specifically found on page 11, and claim 4, as originally filed. Basis for claim 10 can be specifically found on page 11, and claim 5, as originally filed.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the foregoing, Applicant's attorney would welcome a telephonic interview with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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